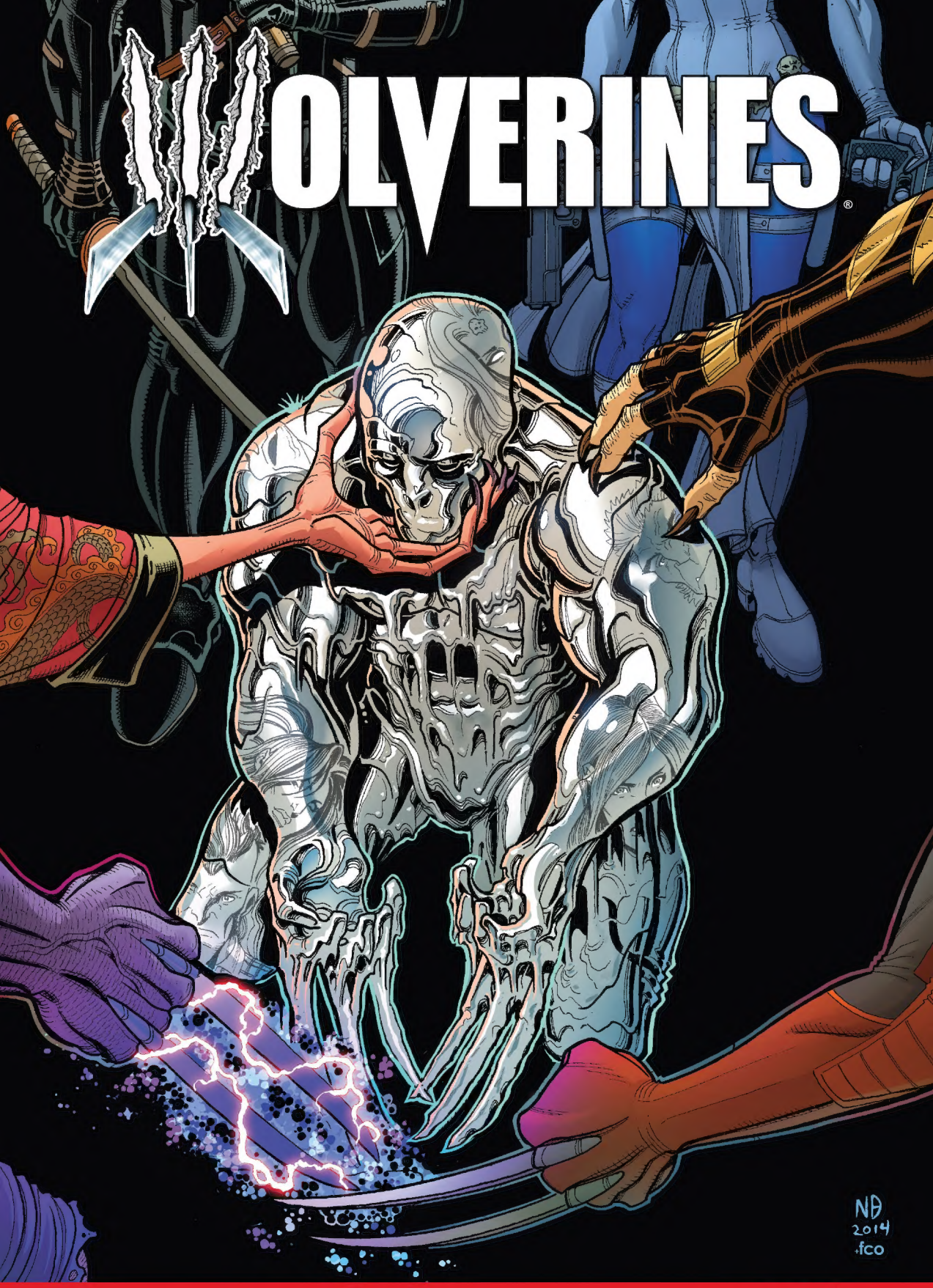

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THE WOLVERINE IS DEAD. HIS LEGACY REMAINS.

LOGAN MET HIS END WHILE DESTROYING A REVAMPED VERSION OF THE WEAPON X PROJECT, LOCATED IN A FACILITY KNOWN AS PARADISE, LED BY DR. ABRAHAM CORNELIUS – THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR INFUSING WOLVERINE'S BODY WITH THE UNBREAKABLE ADAMANTIUM THAT COATED HIS SKELETON AND CLAWS.

LOGAN COULD NOT ESCAPE, BUT OTHERS DID – FIVE OF CORNELIUS' TEST SUBJECTS, ALL GRANTED STRANGE NEW POWERS – SHOGUN, EX-SOLDIER FUSED WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE DEADLY DEMON NINJA OGUN; NEURO, BRILLIANT PSYCHOPATH; ENDO, TROUBLED SPEEDSTER; SKEL, IMMENSELY STRONG BUT PHYSICALLY ADDICTED TO VIOLENCE; AND JUNK – WITH ABILITIES RELATED TO ANIMAL TRAITS ACTIVATED IN HIS GENES. NONE WERE EVER INTENDED TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE PARADISE, AND HAVE BEEN INFUSED WITH A TICKING CLOCK IN THEIR DNA THAT WILL KILL THEM UNLESS IT CAN BE DEACTIVATED.

THESE LOST WEAPONS KIDNAPPED A GROUP OF FIVE OF WOLVERINE'S DEADLIEST ASSOCIATES, INCLUDING MYSTIQUE, SABRETOOTH, LADY DEATHSTRIKE, DAKEN AND X-23, IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR HEALING FACTORS MIGHT HOLD THE KEY TO SAVING THE TEST SUBJECTS' LIVES. THE REFUGEES FROM PARADISE HOLD SIGNIFICANT LEVERAGE OVER THE FIVE KILLERS – SECRET "CONTROL WORDS" THAT CAN MANIPULATE, SEDATE OR EVEN KILL EACH OF THEM.

A DEAL WAS STRUCK, WITH THE TEST SUBJECTS AGREEING TO RELEASE MYSTIQUE AND THE OTHERS IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR HELP – BUT FIRST, THE TWO TEAMS UNDERTAKE A MISSION TOWARDS A GOAL THAT COULD SAVE BOTH GROUPS FROM EXTINCTION...

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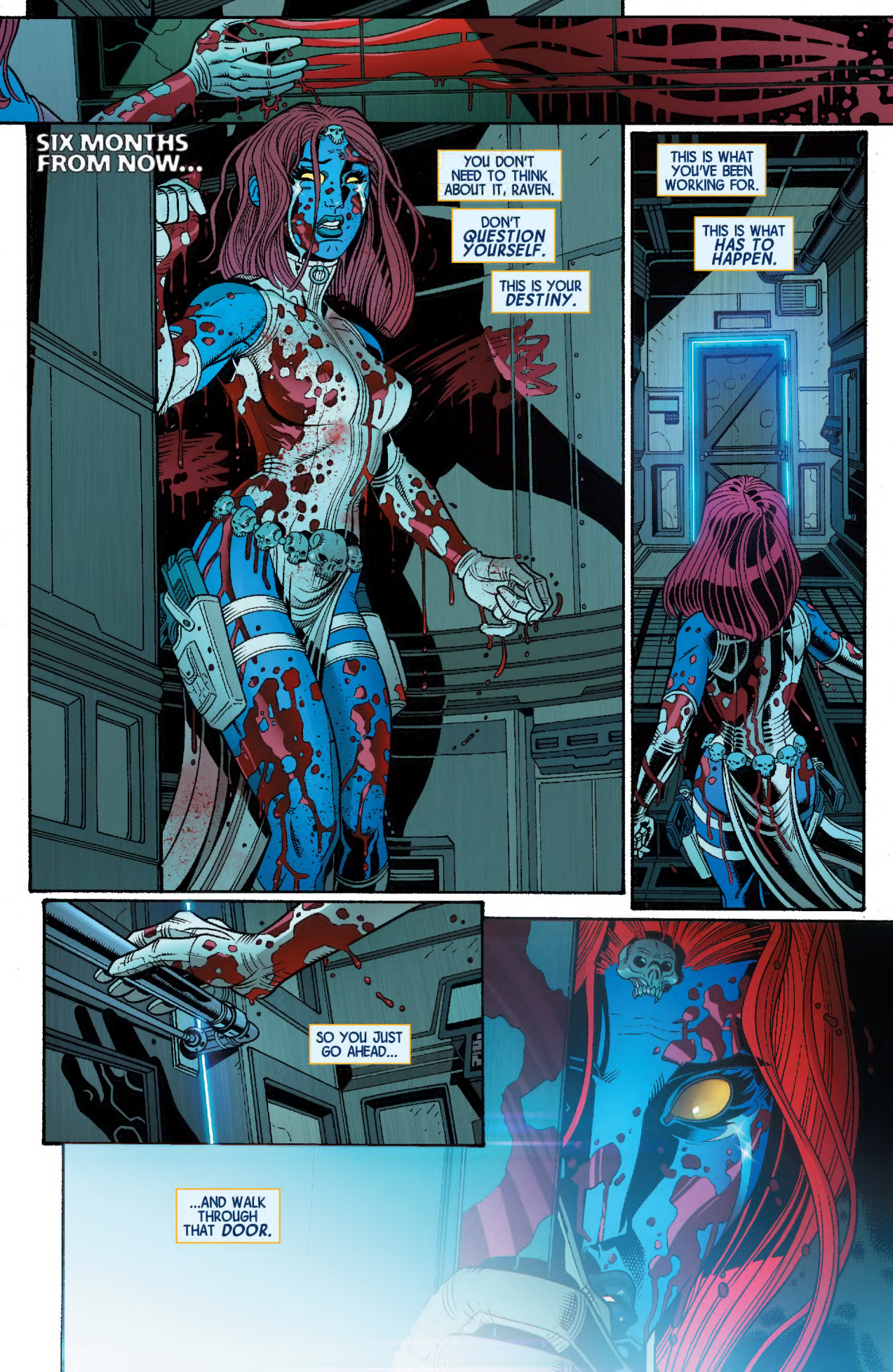

SIX MONTHS FROM NOW...
YOU DON'T NEED TO THINK ABOUT IT, RAVEN.
DON'T QUESTION YOURSELF.
THIS IS YOUR DESTINY.
THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING FOR.
THIS IS WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN.
SO YOU JUST GO AHEAD...
...AND WALK THROUGH THAT DOOR.

RIGHT NOW.
PARADISE.
DAKEN, IS THAT--?
I THINK SO, LAURA. IT *HAS* TO BE.
HUH.

AN HOUR AGO.
NEVADA.

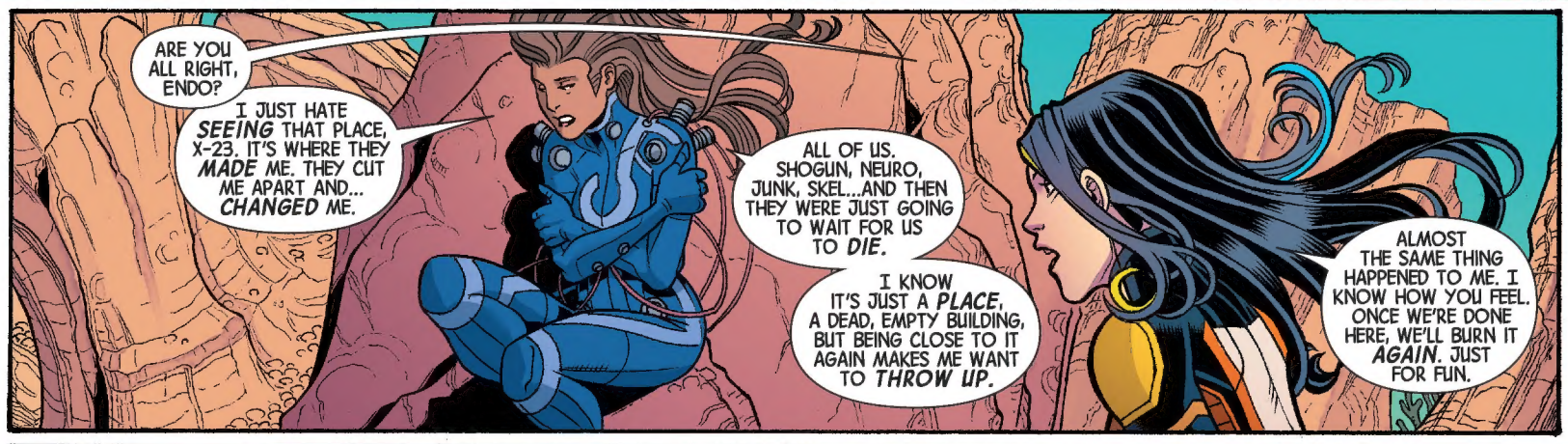
THAT'S THE PLACE--*PARADISE*. HELP US FIND WHAT WE NEED, AND YOU'RE ALL *FREE*.

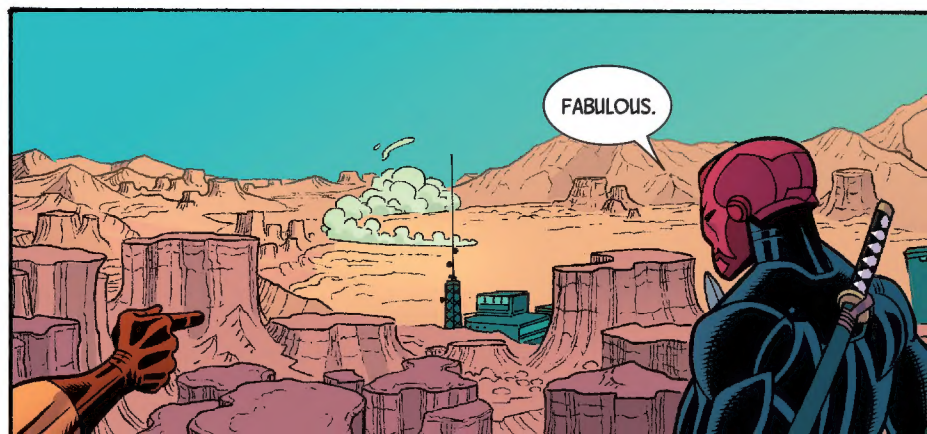
SOUNDS EASY ENOUGH, *SHOGUN*. LIKE A *TREASURE HUNT*.

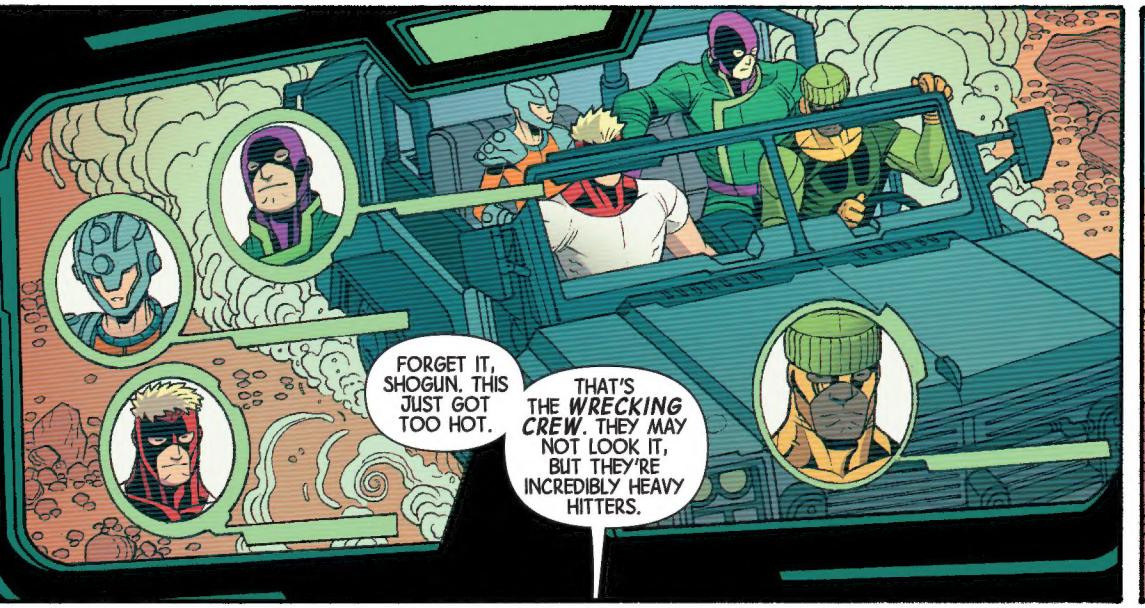
NOTHING IS EASY, SABRETOOTH.

EVER.

GREAT ATTITUDE, DEATHSTRIKE.





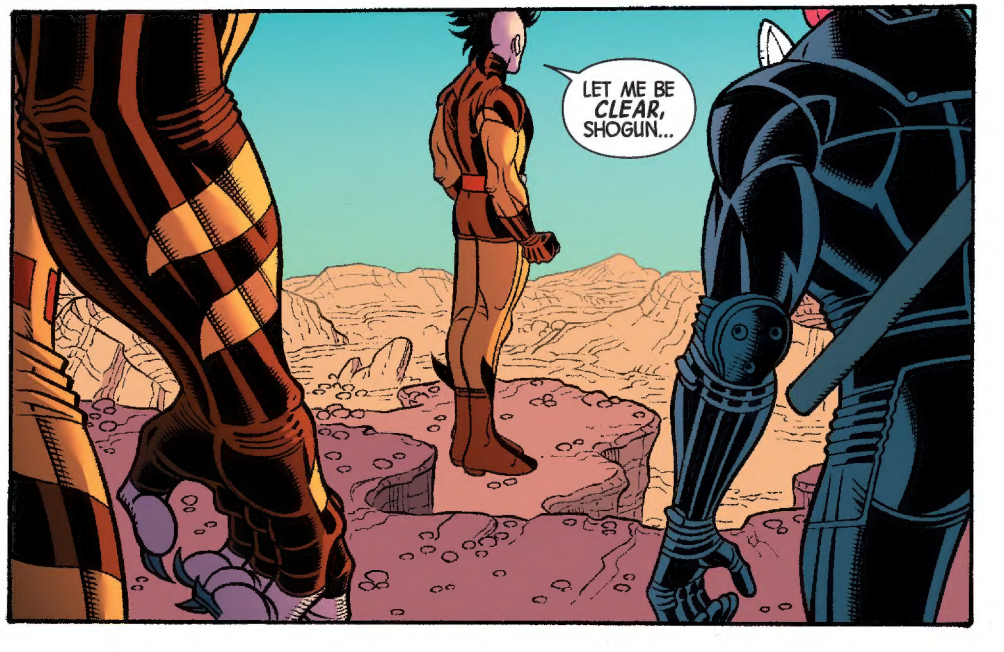

FORGET IT, SHOGUN. THIS JUST GOT TOO HOT.
THAT'S THE *WRECKING CREW*. THEY MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT THEY'RE INCREDIBLY HEAVY HITTERS.

THEIR WEAPONS ARE *DEADLY*. ANY ONE OF THEM COULD GO TOE TO TOE WITH *THOR*.
I AGREED TO BANKROLL ALL OF THIS--EVEN LENT YOU THE *CHANGELING* TO GET US HERE--BUT *SUICIDE* IS ANOTHER STORY. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF YOU, BUT I'M *OUT*.
NO, *MYSTIQUE*. YOU'RE NOT.

THE WRECKING CREW COULD BE AFTER THE SAME THING *WE ARE*.
I WON'T LET THEM GET TO IT FIRST. I WON'T LET MY PEOPLE *DIE*.
AND IN CASE YOU *FORGOT*, YOU HAVE NO *LEVERAGE*. IF YOU DON'T HELP US, *YOU* DIE, TOO.

ALL RIGHT-- THIS JUST BECAME A *RACE*. WE'LL SPLIT INTO THREE SEARCH TEAMS. GO IN FROM DIFFERENT ENTRANCES, MEET IN THE MIDDLE.
IT'LL BE *HEAVY*. WHOEVER FINDS IT, RADIO IN AND WE'LL GET IT OUT TOGETHER.
ONE OF MY PEOPLE GOES WITH EACH TEAM. I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOU OUT OF EARSHOT OF THE *CONTROL WORDS*.
OR MAYBE YOU COULD JUST *TRUST US*.

YOU HAVE PERSONALLY TRIED TO KILL ME *TWICE*. SO FAR.
WOULD YOU BELIEVE I'VE *CHANGED*?
NO.


LET ME BE *CLEAR*, SHOGUN...

...THIS THING WE'RE HERE FOR...IT'S NOT A PRIZE.
IT WILL BE TREATED WITH RESPECT, OR YOU WILL DEAL WITH ME.
HEY, DAKEN, WE GET IT. NO ONE'S GONNA--
DON'T MOCK ME, KILLER.
I WASN'T--
WILL YOU PLEASE STOP POSTURING AND GO?
I AM LITERALLY DYING HERE.
WE ALL ARE. EVERY MOMENT.
AND ON THAT CHEERFUL NOTE...

YOU THINK IT'S STILL HERE?
EVERYTHING WAS FALLING APART AT THE END, SABRETOOTH. THE ARCADIA GROUP WAS LEAVING.
THEY'D ALREADY SALVAGED EVERYTHING THEY COULD. EVERYONE.
PEOPLE?
WE WEREN'T THE ONLY TEST SUBJECTS. WE SAW ANOTHER FACILITY LATER--IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. DR. CORNELIUS WAS BUSY.
HOW ABOUT DAKEN, HUH? I NEVER TOOK HIM FOR THE EMOTIONAL TYPE. I THOUGHT HE HATED LOGAN.
I'M GONNA TALK TO HIM. MAYBE--
SHUT UP.
WHAT?
WHAT IS THIS, CREED? YOU DON'T... EXTEND A HELPING HAND.
I'VE GOT OGUN IN MY HEAD. YOU KNOW OGUN? HE KNOWS YOU, FROM WAY BACK. ALL HE'S BEEN SAYING FOR THE LAST TWENTY MINUTES IS THAT I NEED TO KILL YOU BEFORE YOU KILL ME.
AND IF THE EVIL DEMON NINJA THINKS YOU'RE THE BAD GUY HERE...WELL...
ACTUALLY, FELLAS--
--WE'RE PROBABLY THE BAD GUYS.

SO...YOU'RE JAPANESE, HUH?
...

DID YOU KNOW THIS LOGAN GUY? WAS HE A FRIEND?
I PURSUED HIM ACROSS TIME, OTHER WORLDS, TO EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH. HE WAS MY ONLY GOAL FOR MOST OF MY LIFE. HE MADE ME WHO I AM.
...
SO YOU HAD A THING FOR HIM.

HE WASN'T INTO IT? WEIRD. YOU'RE GORGEOUS, EVEN WITH THE...CLAWS.
MAYBE YOU JUST PUSHED TOO HARD. SOME GUYS DON'T LIKE IT WHEN THE LADY'S TOO INTENSE, AND YOU ARE DEFINITELY INT--
SHH! STOP.

--FIGHT THEM.
I WISH HE'D TOLD US WHERE TO LOOK, PILEDRIVER. THIS WILL TAKE FOREVER.
UH-HUH. I DIDN'T MUCH FEEL LIKE HANGING AROUND HIM ANY LONGER THAN WE HAD TO, BULLDOZER. DUDE'S SCARY.
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, THOUGH. HE'S PAYING US BY THE HOUR. HELL, I HOPE THIS TAKES ALL DAY.

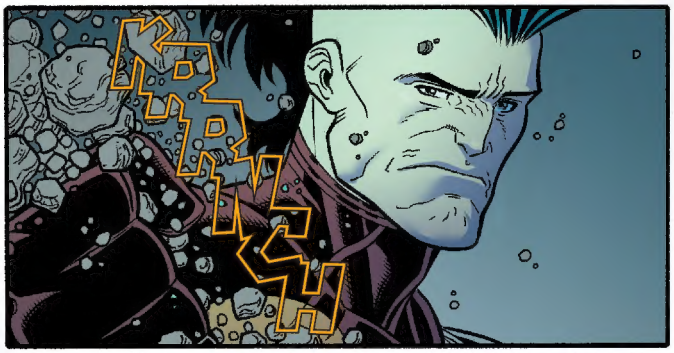
JUST MAKING CONVERSATION. BUT YOU WANNA FIGHT, LET'S FIGHT. I NEED TO, EVERY SO OFTEN, OR THESE NEW MUSCLES I GOT START TO POISON ME. LITTLE TUSSLE WOULD FIX ME RIGHT UP.
WHY ARE WE WHISPERING?
SHKK
YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT, SKEL--

JUNK--WAS EVERYTHING THEY MADE IN HERE LIKE YOU?
IF YOU CAN BE MORE SPECIFIC, DAKEN, I'LL KNOW HOW OFFENDED TO GET.
ANYWAY, I THINK I'M THE ONLY ONE WITH THE ANIMAL STUFF. DR. CORNELIUS ACTIVATED A BUNCH OF MY JUNK DNA. I GOT GILLS NOW, SO...YOU KNOW. AIN'T ALL BAD.

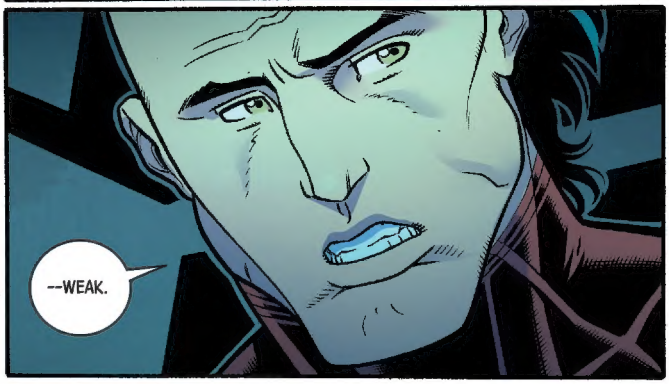
DO YOU THINK ANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE STILL HERE? SHOULD WE LOOK? TRY TO SAVE THEM?
WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE REASON WE'RE HERE. LET'S KEEP MOVING.

IF WE DO MEET THE WRECKING CREW, I'LL HANDLE THEM. YOU CAN STAY BACK.
LISTEN, LAURA...

...I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE ON SOME SORT OF HERO KICK RIGHT NOW, AND I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY. IT'S YOUR LIFE. BUT I DO NOT NEED TO BE CODDLED.
WE BOTH KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.


KRRSH

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M--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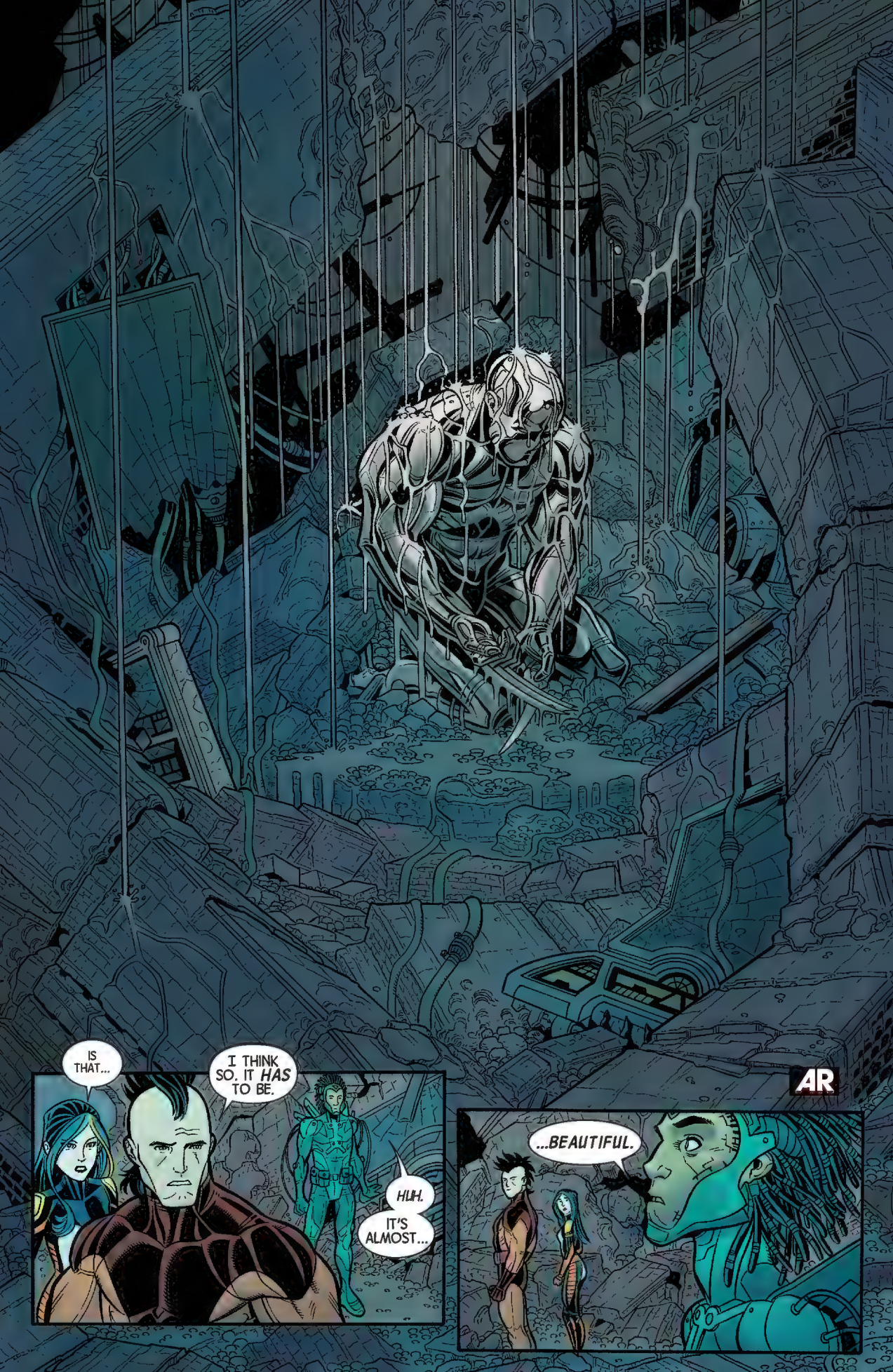
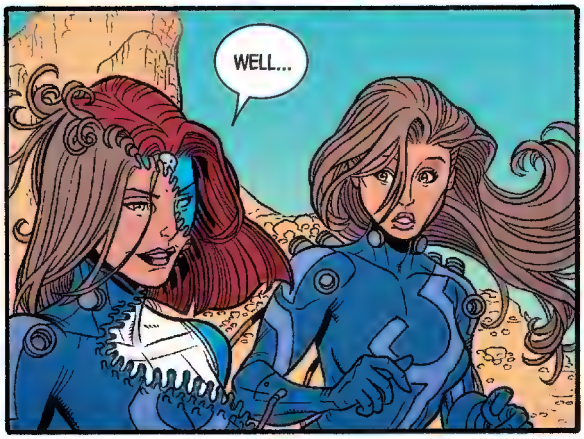

IS THAT...
I THINK SO. IT *HAS* TO BE.
HUH.
IT'S ALMOST...
...BEAUTIFUL.
AR

HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO CHANGE SHAPES, MYSTIQUE?
SINCE I WAS A CHILD.
HOW DO YOU...KEEP YOURSELF STRAIGHT?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT WHEN YOU CHANGE BACK, YOU'RE THE SAME PERSON AS WHEN YOU STARTED?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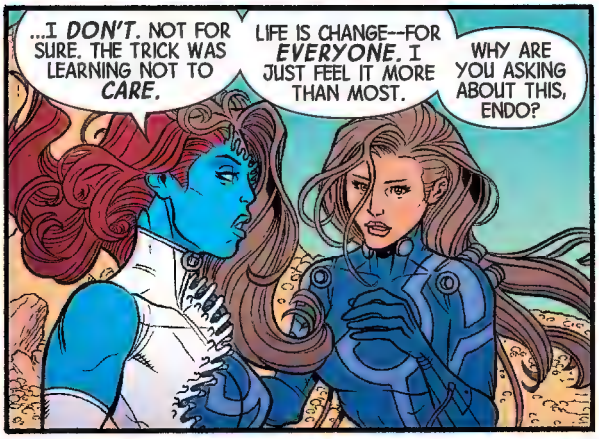
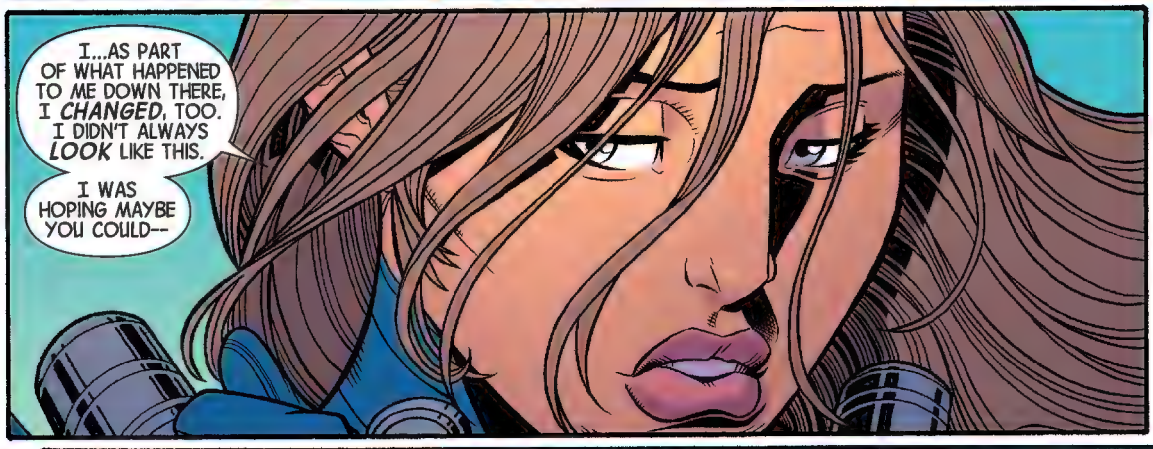
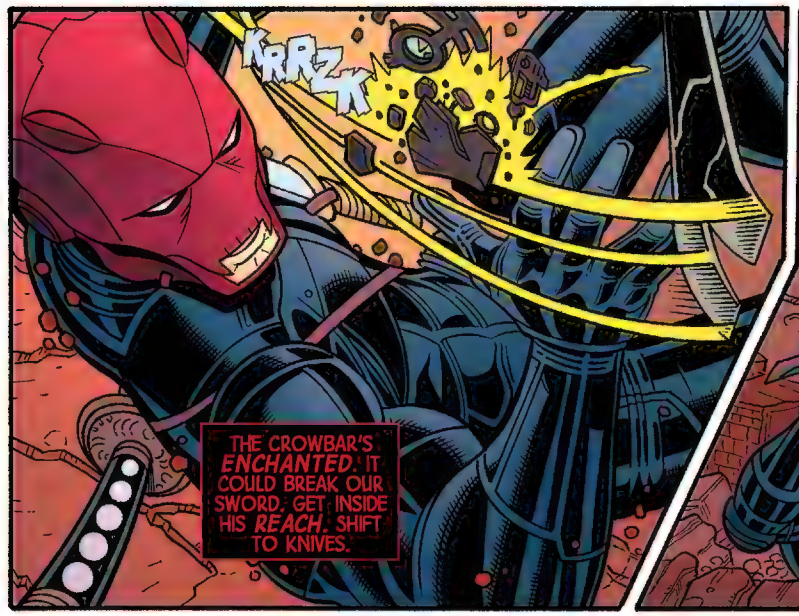

...I DON'T. NOT FOR SURE. THE TRICK WAS LEARNING NOT TO CARE.
LIFE IS CHANGE--FOR EVERYONE. I JUST FEEL IT MORE THAN MOST.
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ABOUT THIS, ENDO?


I...AS PART OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ME DOWN THERE, I CHANGED, TOO. I DIDN'T ALWAYS LOOK LIKE THIS.
I WAS HOPING MAYBE YOU COULD--

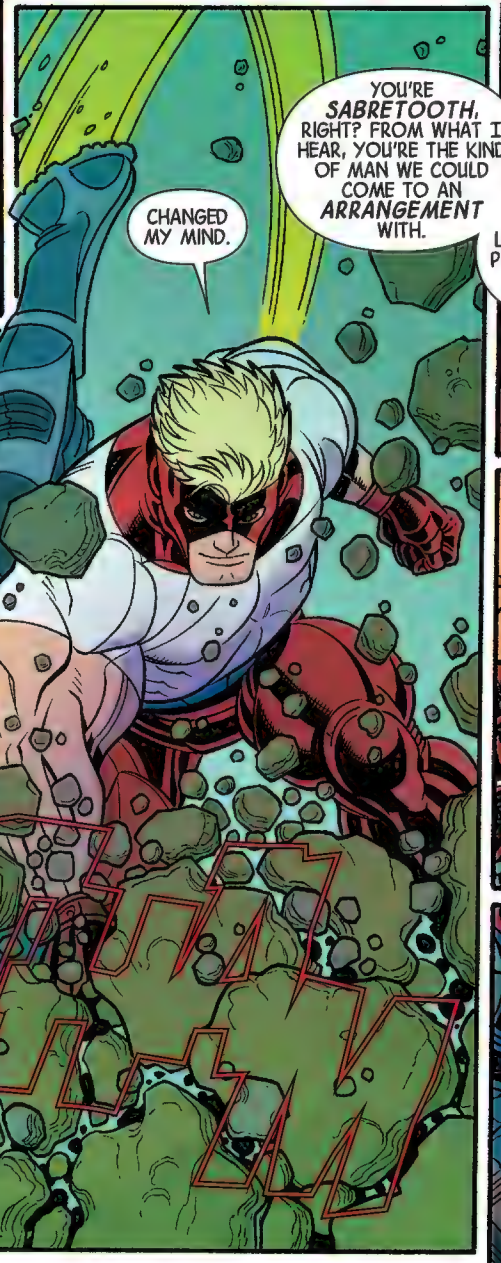
NEURO! THEY <KKZT>--
SHOGUN! REPEAT THAT! YOU'RE BREAKING UP!
<KKT> IN TROUBLE! GET THE--

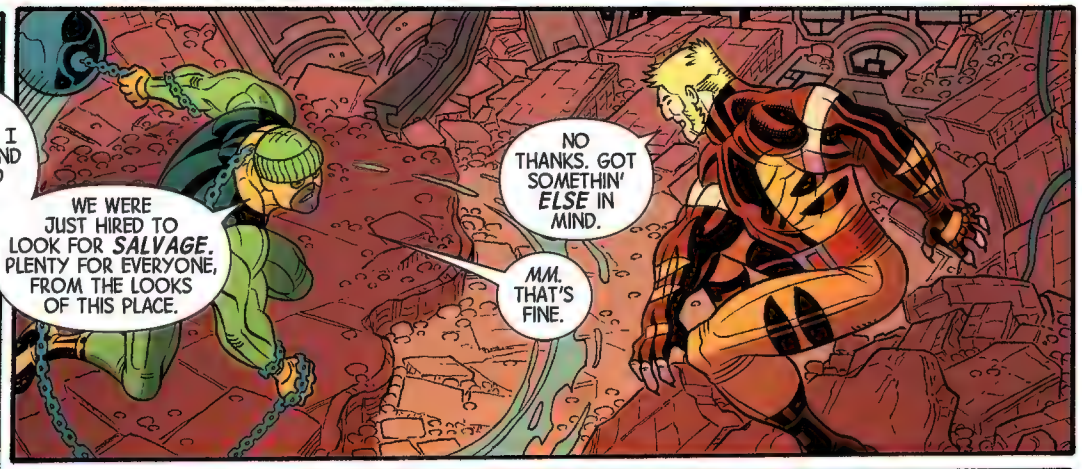

KRRZK
THE CROWBAR'S *ENCHANTED*. IT COULD BREAK OUR SWORD. GET INSIDE HIS *REACH*. SHIFT TO KNIVES.

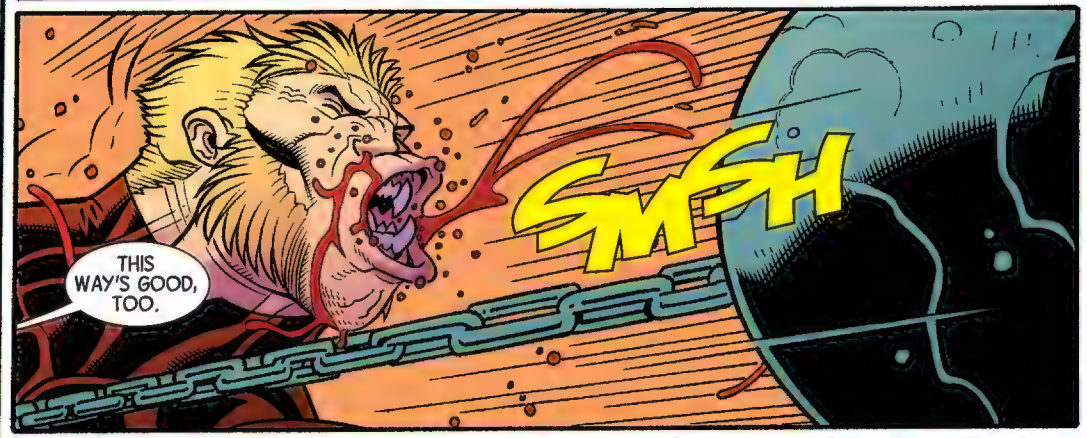
I'M *TRYING*.
COULD'VE FOOLED *ME*.

THAT ALL YOU GOT? YOU *SLOW*, BROTHER.
NO. I WAS THINKING MAYBE I'D JUST KNOCK YOU OUT, NOT *KILL* YOU.

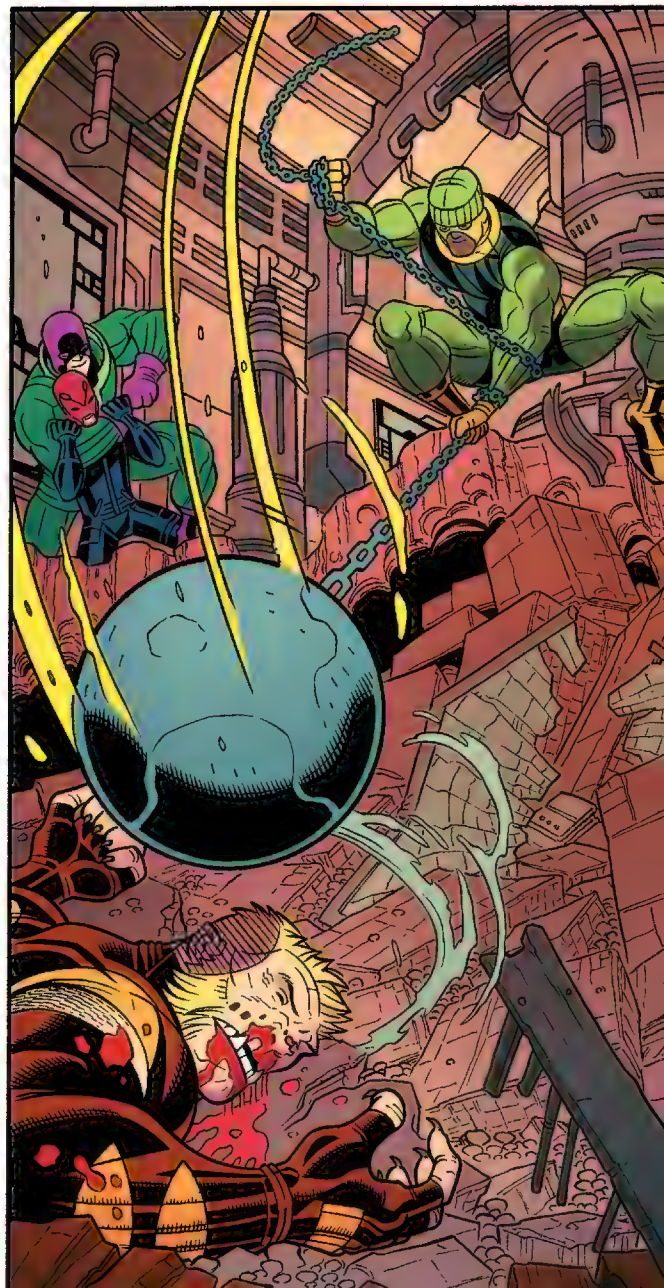
WH--?


CHANGED MY MIND.
YOU'RE *SABRETOOTH*, RIGHT? FROM WHAT I HEAR, YOU'RE THE KIND OF MAN WE COULD COME TO AN *ARRANGEMENT* WITH.
HAPPY


WE WERE JUST HIRED TO LOOK FOR *SALVAGE*. PLENTY FOR EVERYONE, FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS PLACE.
NO THANKS. GOT SOMETHIN' *ELSE* IN MIND.
MM. THAT'S FINE.


THIS WAY'S GOOD, TOO.
SMFH

LADIES FIRST.
AIN'T YOU SWEET.
HHN.



THIS IS HOW IT ENDED FOR HIM.
THERE ARE WORSE DEATHS, I SUPP--
KZZK

SINISTER.
YES. THANK YOU. JUST WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR. PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE HIRED YOU INSTEAD OF THOSE LACKEYS.
AND THIS. NOT WHAT I CAME FOR, SPECIFICALLY, BUT IT COULD BE ALMOST AS USEFUL.
WH--

RRRIPP
AAGH!
DAKEN!
THIS AS WELL--JUST FOR DIVERSITY OF SAMPLE SET.
SPLTCH
RRAGH!

YOU ARE LESS HELPFUL, X-23.
NNNGH
YOU'RE JUST A CLONE.
KRRRK
YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE, DAKEN.
I'LL PUT THIS TO GOOD USE.
KZZZK

KKKT
NNGH...
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, WON'T HE? I MEAN, ALL YOU GUYS CAN HEAL. THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOU.
NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
HE LOST IT.
HIS HEALING FACTOR--
--IT'S GONE.
SINISTER'S SCHEMES CONTINUE NEXT WEEK!